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We Vote American Elm
And Choose Chickadee
Favorite Tree—Bird

Some four weeks ago, the Press furnished its readers with a statement, of the effort of the Massachusetts Forest and Park association and the State Audubon society to give the people of the state, an opportunity to express themselves on their choice of a state tree and a state bird, emblematic of our nature life. It is proposed to petition the Legislature at its next session to make a formal declaration on the state tree and bird, and thus do what most other states have done in the past. Petitions and expressions for choices have come from the citizens throughout the commonwealth by the thousands, and to the people of Northfield the opportunity was provided by the publishing of a ballot. Seventy-eight of our citizens responded with their votes, and the official tabulation, shows that we voted strongly for the American Elm, as the choice for a state tree, and for the chickadee, as our state bird. The votes, which have been sent to Boston by the Press, gives the following information: American Elm 46; Paper Birch 12; Red Maple 12; White Pine 3; Rock Maple 2; and Red Oak, Maple and Sugar Maple, one each. For the birds, the Chickadee received 41 votes; the Cong Sparrow 18; the Bobolink 10; the Robin 6; the Barn Swallow and the Bluebird, each 8; and the Wood Duck 2. In a letter received from Harris A. Reynolds, secretary of the Forest and Park association, he "thanks the Press for cooperation in publishing the ballot for the state bird and tree." He expressed the wish that "all papers in the towns had followed the example of the Press in securing the votes." At this time, he said, the American Elm and the Chickadee are leading in popular favor, although the Red Maple and the Song Sparrow are a close second choice.

The Town Meeting Not A Great Way Off

It's only a matter of a few weeks now and the annual town meeting will take place in the town hall for probably an all day session. The meeting this coming year will take place on the first Monday in February which is the third. This is two days earlier than the date of last year. The town reports from all departments will be presented and officials chosen for the year. Appropriations will also be made. The Press will give a list of all expiring offices in a forthcoming issue. Under the law (Sec. 59, Chap. 41, General Laws) all departments must prepare their budgets for the ensuing year by Dec. 21 and complete reports for the past year should be concluded immediately after Jan. 1. These reports should be sent to the Selectmen, who can then prepare the annual book of reports for distribution to property owners in sufficient time to review before the annual meeting. The caucus of the Republicans will be held in January to nominate party candidates. It is expected the Democrats will do likewise and opportunity also afforded for nomination papers.

Good Skiing Ahead

With fair and colder weather ahead, following our recent storms of snow and rain, reports throughout New England indicate that good conditions are expected to prevail for the sport of skiing. The ground everywhere has a fine base and is generally well covered. The biggest year for the sport is ahead and preparations are being made to receive and entertain many enthusiasts at the well-known trails. On the listed conditions in the various places, Northfield is said to have much powder snow but that the trails are inviting.

The booklet of Valuations and Taxes for 1940, issued by the Board of Assessors is now in process of printing and will be ready for distribution soon.

**NATIVE TURKEYS
and CHICKENS**
Order Them Now
FOR CHRISTMAS
Price Reasonable
Horace W. Bolton
Call by Phone

Had Talk On Books And Now Club Women Will Hear Of Glass

An illustrated lecture, with pictures in color, titled "The Use of Glass and Mirrors in Home Decoration" will be presented at the next meeting of the Fortnightly on Friday afternoon of next week at three o'clock in Alexander Hall.

In accordance with an established precedent, the members are urged to bring a Christmas gift to be turned over to the Health Council for distribution. It is requested that each package be marked to indicate whether the gift is best suited for a boy or a girl and to indicate the age level at which the gift would be most enjoyed. No tea will be served at this meeting.

At the meeting held last Friday afternoon, there was a good attendance, and members were privileged to hear Mrs. George Davis, give a most educational talk on the "current books." At the close of the meeting tea was served by a committee of club members. Of the books referred to, by Mrs. Davis, in her review, the following are to be found in the Dickinson library, as per a list provided by the librarian, Mrs. Vorce:

An Ocean Heritage
The Beloved Returns
The English Air
The Family
Fielding's Polly
Give Me Liberty
The Great Mistake
Gypsy, Gypsy
Invitation to Live
Madame Dorothea
Mr. and Mrs. Meigs
Mrs. Miniver
Oliver Wiswell
Quietly My Captain Waits
White Oak Heritage
Four Years A Country

Preacher
Hose Doctor
Polish Profile
Beyond Tears
I Saw France Fall

Bassett
Mann
Stevenson
Federova
Keyes
Erskine
Rinehart
Golden
Douglas
Undsett
Corbett
Struther
Roberts
Lincoln
Waits
Eaton
White Oak Heritage
de la Roche
Chambrun

Gilbert
Dinsmore
Sapieha
Litten

Chambrun

Take Ample Warning Re-Christmas-Trees

Taking of Christmas trees and greens from state forests and parks under control of the state conservation department will be strictly prohibited this year, according to a warning just issued by Conservation Commissioner Raymond J. Kenney.

Kenney pointed out that in previous years, collectors of Christmas trees have gone into the state forests without authority to take trees and greens; and this year, he has ordered all of the forest and park supervisors to be particularly vigilant against such unlawful practices and to bring all offenders before the courts.

Attention also is called to the fact that under the provisions of section 118 of chapter 266 of the General Laws, it is unlawful for any person to take trees or greens from any private property without the consent of the owner. This is not generally understood.

In discussing the situation, Kenney said: "There seems to be a widespread feeling that the owners of forest lands throughout the state are not protected by law, but as a matter of fact, a penalty of \$500, together with possible imprisonment of six months has been provided for violations of the law protecting wild or forest lands."

The sale of Christmas trees and greens is a legitimate utilization of forest products, and the owner who pays the taxes on such lands is entitled to proper return on the sale of such products.

There is no more right to go on private forest land and cut Christmas trees without the owner's consent than to take them from the lawns of a suburban residence. The age-old custom of bringing joy to young and old through the use of Christmas trees and greens should not be marred by their collection in violation of private property rights."

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was the speaker at the meeting of the Unitarian Alliance of Bernardston last Sunday evening.

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Scouts To Mark Grave Dr. Parker At Hermon For Years Endeavor

Rev. Dr. James Parker, minister of the Second United Presbyterian church of Jersey City, died at his home there Oct. 26. He was a visitor to Northfield each season where he spent his vacation at his summer home on Winchester road. He worked actively, both in and out of his church and among his interests was that of the Boy Scout organization. He organized troops of scouts in his church some thirty years ago, which still flourishes. His influence in the scout movement extended throughout the city and in the state, at many other places. He had been chairman of the Jersey City council and was honored with many other scout responsibilities. At the request of and in behalf of the Boy Scout troop of his church, approved by the council, a Boy Scout marker, will be placed on his grave in Mt. Hermon cemetery on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Northfield Boy Scouts led by Scoutmaster Walter Harding and Commissioner Samuel Truesell. All friends of the Boy Scouts and of Dr. Parker are invited to attend the ceremony.

Young Ski Enthusiasts Invited To Contests

Through the efforts of Sears Roebuck Co. of Greenfield, the young folks of our schools are invited to participate in a series of ski contests every Saturday on the Holland Farm in Greenfield on the Colrain road. The contests will afford instruction and experience and prizes will be awarded each day of the contest. Strand Milkelson will be in charge and Ken Suhl of the Sears Ski department will assist. Application blanks for entry may be had at the Sears store and the events will be called at eleven o'clock. There is a class for all boys and girls up to 19 years of age. There are no costs for the use of the tow if desired. Manager Hawkes was in Northfield this week and conferred with local interests, including Principal Cobb of the high school.



Miss Dema Kennedy of Boston, who spent last weekend in this town in behalf of the Girl Scout movement. She represented the Girl Scout National staff and was in consultation with the various members of the local council.

William D. Luey Dies

William Dexter Luey, age 85, of Worcester, with a summer residence at Northfield Farms died Saturday last after a long illness. He was a prominent and successful banker, and had been connected with the Franklin County Trust Co. and banks at Conway, Athol and Worcester. Mr. Luey was born in Greenfield, the son of Lester and Mary Moody Luey.

He leaves four sons, Lester L., William A., Charles R., and Donald Luey. The funeral was held in Greenfield on Tuesday with Rev. Robert J. Raible officiating and burial was in the Green River cemetery.



The American Elm tree, which is leading in popularity, by vote of the people, as the state tree for Massachusetts. The Legislature will be asked to adopt it, at its next session. Northfield for a great many years was beautified by the graceful elms along the Main Street, but the hurricane of two years ago felled many. Since then many new and young trees have been planted along the highway to take the place of those destroyed. Our citizens are much impressed with the beauty of the elm. It is their favorite tree.

Congregational Church Services Of The Week

On Sunday the Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. At 11, the morning service with sermon by Rev. Edward Fullbank. At 6:45 the Christian Endeavor Society will meet. At 7:30, will be held the Young Peoples Forum.

On Tuesday afternoon at 8, the women's Bible class will meet and at 6:30 there will be the regular supper and meeting of the Brotherhood.

On Thursday will be held the all-day sewing meeting of the women's societies. At 7 o'clock the regular weekly prayer service will be conducted with Fred A. Holton as leader, choir practice will follow.

Officers Are Elected

At a meeting of the directors of the Historical society held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton, several important matters were considered and officers were chosen. They are President, Rev. George A. Bronson; vice-president Joseph R. Colton; treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle. Miss Priscilla Colton is clerk.

Schools Get Bequest

The Northfield schools will probably receive about \$60,000 in a distribution of the Goodwin estate of Hartford, Ct. It is announced. The recent death of Charles L. Goodwin of that city released funds set up for him by his brother, George R. Goodwin and his sisters, Anna M. Goodwin and Mrs. Mary Goodwin Bingham. The total trust fund amounts to \$1,225,000. The Northfield schools and Berea College are the chief beneficiaries.

Left For India

Prof. P. Carter Spiers, who with his family have been occupying one of the missionary houses on Main street, will leave New York on Saturday for Bombay, India on the American Export line, S. S. Explorer, on a non-stop, 28 day voyage. Prof. Spiers returns to his work at Forman Christian College at Lahore. The family will remain here for the duration of the war.

County Assessors Meet

The annual meeting of the County Assessors association will be held at Deerfield academy next Monday. The session will open at 10 o'clock to be followed by a dinner and afternoon meeting. Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation H. F. Long will present many important matters and a discussion will ensue. Local supervisors Bell and Partridge will also be in attendance. Local assessors, clerks and tax collector are expected to attend.

Hospital Inmates Caught In Auto Driven Here

Less than 48 hours after they had escaped from the Monson state hospital, two epileptics, young men, one 15 and the other 22, were caught in Northfield, following the stealing of a car and then driving erratically, ran it into a ditch. Both epileptics after escaping, had ridden a freight into Millers Falls and then walked toward this town. In the yard of Joseph Bartus, they stole the auto, making a noise, attracting Bartus, who with Joseph Szestowicki gave chase in the latter's car and the culprits were overtaken.

Police were notified and the two young men were arrested. After their appearance in district court, hospital guards returned them to the hospital. The event happened Monday evening shortly before midnight.

The Student Meeting Held Last Week End

The mid-winter preparatory school conference held a three-day session last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Northfield hotel. Delegates came from most of the preparatory schools of New England and over 100 were in attendance. The leaders were Rev. W. Norman Pittenger of New York City Prof. George R. Elliott of Amherst college, Ben Cowles of Haverford college, recently returned from China and Japan; Rev. A. Graham Baldwin of Phillips Academy, Andover; John Asher of St. Paul's school, Dr. Henry H. Welles of New Canaan, Rev. H. Martin Davidson of St. George's school, Rev. W. Burnett Easton of Smith college and Rev. Harold B. Ingalls of Northfield seminary. A special Christmas service was held on Saturday evening.

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LEGAL

All persons having bills against the town of Northfield should send them to the Selectmen not later than Tuesday, December 17th to receive attention.

F. A. HOLTON, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

SEMINARY-HERMON CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES AT SAGE AND MEMORIAL CHAPELS SUNDAY; WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS AT MORNING SERVICES

Christmas Carol services will take place at both Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school next Sunday. Due to the fact that the choir, made up of girls from the Estey Chorus and boys from the Hermon Glee Club, will take part in the program, the Mount Hermon carol program will take place at 6 o'clock and the Seminary program at 8 o'clock. There will be a prelude of organ music from 7:45 to 8 o'clock at Sage Chapel. The programs follow:

AT THE SEMINARY

PRELUDE—

"In Dulci Jubilo"

XIVth century melody—J. S. Bach

"Der Tag, Der Ist So Freudreich"

XIVth century melody—J. S. Bach

"Pastorale"

Duo for piano and organ—Gulkmant

FRANCE—"Sing We Noel"

XIVth Century, arr. by Gaul

RUSSIA—"Carol of the Russian Children"

White Russian, arr. Gaul

HUNGARY—"The Christ of the Snow"

Folksong, arr. by Gaul

GERMANY—"From Jesse's Root a Rosebud"

XVth century arr. by Praetorius

Words arr. from German

GERMANY—"Today is Born Immanuel"

Michael Praetorius arr. by Dickinson

BULGARIA—"Straw Carol"

Folksong, arr. by Gaul

AMERICA—"Joseph Came Seeking"

Ernest Willoughby

AMERICA—"There Was a Gentle Hostler"

Florence N. Wilson

BELGIUM—"Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus"

F. A. Gevaert arr. by Dickinson

BELGIUM—"A Joyous Christmas Song"

F. A. Gevaert arr. by Dickinson

GERMANY—"Silent Night, Holy Night"

ascribed to Franz Gruber descant by Black George F. Handel

ENGLAND—from "The Messiah"

a) "For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

b) "Pastoral Symphony" (organ)

c) "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields"

d) "Glory to God"

ENGLAND—"Adeste Fideles"

Traditional

BENEDICTION and "PASTORAL AMEN"

George F. Handel

POSTLUDE—"Noel"



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TOWN TOPICS

There will be a public supper this Friday evening at 6:30 at the Unitarian church. There will be plenty of good things to eat.

Owing to the cold weather conditions prevailing, there was not the usual large attendance at the meeting of the Valley Bible conference in Leavenett last Friday. Mrs. Mabel Makepeace of this town was on the list of speakers. Supt. of Schools Linville W. Robbins was chosen at the recent annual meeting of county superintendents as president, for the ensuing year.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held a well attended and most interesting meeting in the vestry of the church yesterday, when they considered the life of the late Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The Christmas programs of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be given on Monday evening, Dec. 23. A supper will be served, followed by carol singing with an entertainment and Christmas tree. Supt. Paul Chamberlain is in charge of the affair.

The contractors are rushing the work at the new Center school, after a short delay caused by the recent storm and cold weather. The roof is now being put in place and when completed will provide protection for further work.

Donald Strange of Putney, who was implicated in the automobile episode recently was fined in the Orange court, has been taken by the U. S. Marshal of Vermont to Rutland to answer the Federal charge. The car used was driven from Massachusetts into Vermont where gasoline was secured without payment and then driven back to this state.

The 12th lodge of instruction of the Masonic fraternity will meet next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with Mechanics Lodge at Turners Falls. Rt. Wor. Ronald Astley will speak. Several local members will attend.

The new Greenfield directory has made its appearance and this year includes in addition to Turners Falls, Millers, Montague Center, Northfield and Gill. We haven't seen the Northfield list, but we hope it is more inclusive and authentic than the last one we saw published.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody left by auto last Friday to spend the winter at their home in Daytona Beach, Fla.

THE telephone's part

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7 Tube Set	\$29.95
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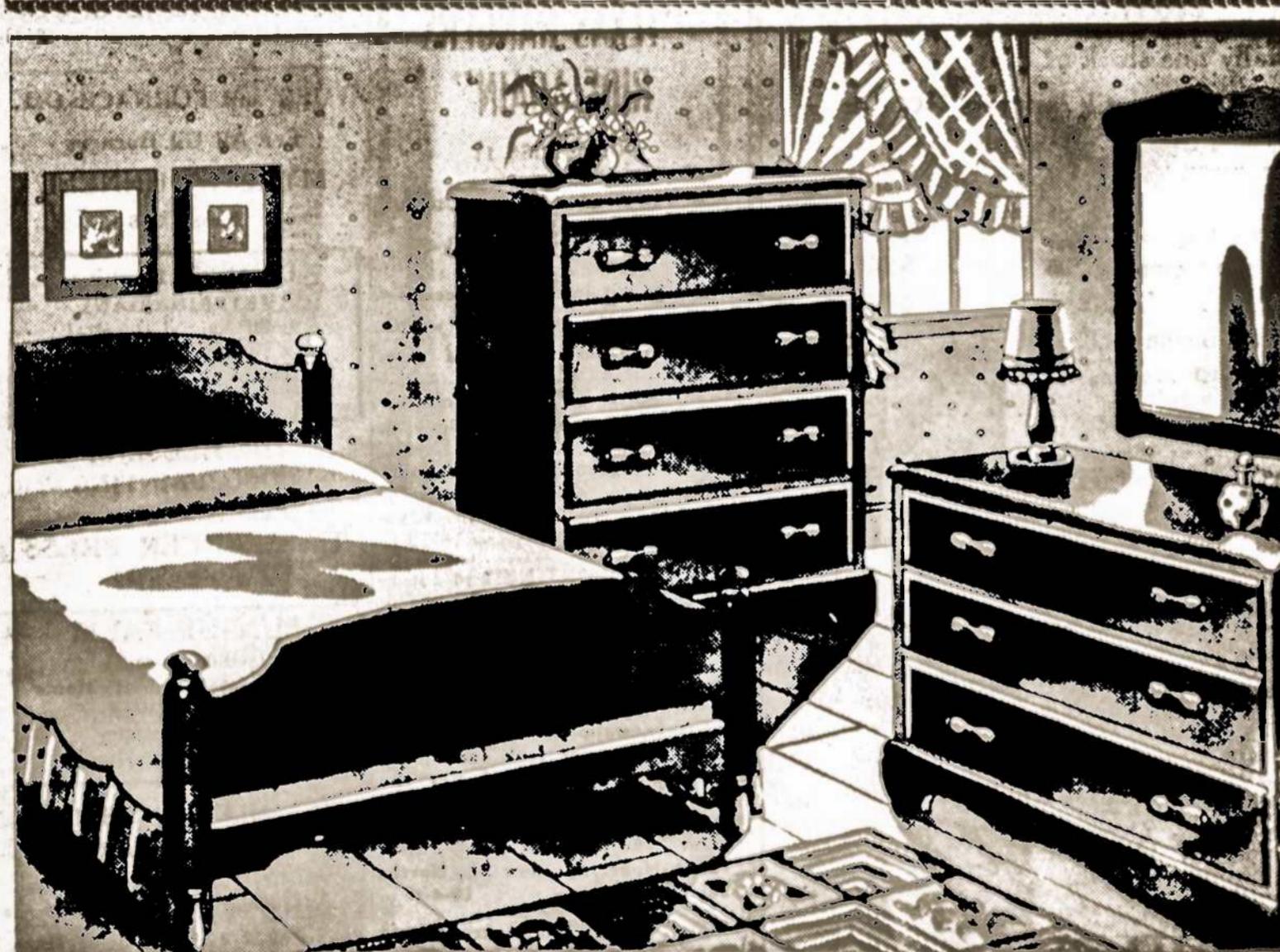
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citizens; thereby making itself
worthy of their confidence.

Friday, December 13, 1940

EDITORIAL

BEST INTERESTS

Many observers are convinced
that events now taking place in
the English Channel, the Medi-
terranean and the Far East will
vitally affect our lives and the
lives of our posterity. They feel
that we must face these disagree-
able facts and act resolutely
against the trio of military dicta-
tors. They contend that our
only hope of avoiding the worst is
the victory of Britain over the
Axis and the success of China over
Japan.

Our aid to Great Britain and
our sympathy for China can be
no longer a matter of admiration
for their courage and fortitude.
Consideration of our own national
welfare requires that they suc-
ceed for, whether we like it or
not, our best interests are identi-
cal with theirs. They are fighting
our battle.

OUR STANDARD

American citizens have read
with pity and wonder of food
shortages in war-torn Europe—
of the spectacle of men and women
standing in line for hours to
obtain a few potatoes or a loaf of
bread—and, in many cases, finally
being turned away because the
supply had been exhausted.

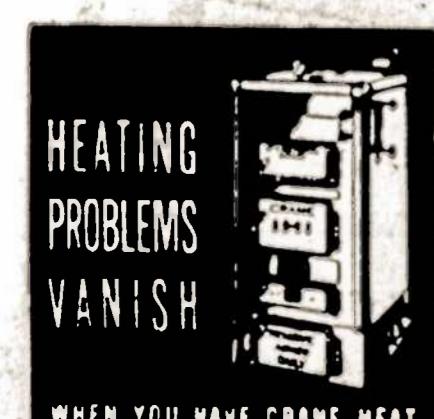
In this country we are at peace.
We have plenty of food, clothing
and other necessities. We have a
standard of living unparalleled in
the world. Much of the credit for
that must go to Nature, which has
dealt richly with us. But man has
aided Nature—and it is man's
work which has been responsible
for bringing the bounty of the
earth to the people.

Think for a moment about the
American system of retail distri-
bution. The stores which sell you
food, clothes, necessities and lux-
uries are the product of an intricate
and superbly planned system
whose purpose is to provide the
nation with the maximum amount
of goods for the least amount
of money. This system is made up of
independent stores, chain stores
and other progressive forms of
retailing. It is a system in which
competition is free and open—in
which every merchant is always
seeking to improve his business
and thus earn more patronage. It
is a system which gives the con-
sumer in little towns the same
quality of goods at the same
price as the consumer in great
cities.

Our standard of living must be
largely attributed to the Ameri-
can retail system.

Old Farmers Almanac

The new 1941 edition of the
Old Farmers Almanac by Robert
B. Thomas, recently made its
appearance for the 149th year and
is for sale at our local news-
stand. This year the edition
consists of 80 pages besides the
calendar features and usual
astronomical facts and figures.
Mrs. Mabel M. Swan is the editor
and it is published by the Yankees
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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jenkins
of Broxville, N. Y., have pur-
chased the property of Robert
McCarter on Ames Hill, near
Brattleboro, which they will occ-
upy for a summer home. Mr.
Jenkins is the son of Mrs. Edna
H. Jenkins, who has a sum-
mer cottage on Rustic Ridge and
he has been a visitor here each
year.

The American Legion of Win-
chester are to erect a new steel
flag pole at the town hall in that
community, so that the flag may
be appropriately displayed. This
is just the suggestion the Press
made recently, should be done here.

The saw mill of the New Eng-
land Box Co. at Winchester was
destroyed by fire last week Thurs-
day night with total loss amounting
to \$15,000. It was a spectacu-
lar blaze and was witnessed by
several local folks who were in
that town that evening.

Since their return from a visit
in the south, the Ripley Brothers,
have been very busy in their man-
ufacture of the colonial rugs, for
which they have many large or-
ders on hand.

Forty-one years ago, December
22, 1889, Dwight L. Moody died,
but his wonderful effort still lives
and thrives in the schools which
he founded, in the summer con-
ference which he established in
this community.

West Northfield and
South Vernon

South Vernon Church: Satur-
day, junior choir at 2:30, fol-
lowed by rehearsal for Christmas
pageant at 3. Sunday, morning
worship at 10:30; Sunday school
at 11:45; Loyal Workers at 6:30;
Evening service at 7:30. Thursday,
weekly prayer meeting at the
Vernon Home. Plans are being
made for the Christmas exercises
and tree Tuesday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce attended
a shower given in Brattleboro
Monday evening for her daughter,
Eleanor at the home of Mrs.
Fred Knight.

The Vernon home demon-
stration group met Tuesday with Mrs.
Mildred Dunklee, with sixteen pres-
ent. After a chicken dinner, plans
for next year were discussed, and a
Christmas pie was opened with
a gift for each member.

Mrs. Alice Dunklee has returned
to her teaching at the North
school after several weeks of ill-
ness. Mrs. Wheeler of Brattle-
boro substituted for her.

Mrs. Frank Lachey returned
Wednesday to the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Warren Dunklee.
She had been visiting her sister,
Mrs. Ella Forrester in Wardsboro.

Mrs. Alma Dunklee is at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor
Vaughan in Brattleboro while at-
tending high school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett
and son of Amherst, Percival
Johnson of Northampton and Miss
Esther Johnson of East Northfield
visited their mother, Mrs. Mary
Johnson at Mrs. Julia Ennis's.

The Friendship club held Gen-
tlemen's night this week Thurs-
day night at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. C. I. Holton.

Leroy Barnes won for the third
successive year the trophy for the
most points in the Springfield
poultry show last week. The tro-
phy now remains in his permanent
possession. Mr. Barnes is exhib-
iting at Unionville, Ct. this week.

Northfield Grange

Northfield Grange held Neigh-
bors night Tuesday with guests
from Chesterfield, N. H., Green-
field and Bernardston. Supper was
served by Mrs. Albert Aiken, Mrs.
Geneva Dowe and Miss Lillian
Dawe.

The Grange voted to continue
support of the Saturday noon
broadcasts over station WHAL.

Mrs. Emory Riker and Miss
Esther Hale went to Springfield
Wednesday to attend the lectur-
ers conference at the State Grange
session. Miss Hale was alternate
delegate for the master, Clayton
Miller.

The Royal Air Force

The Victoria Theatre in Green-
field is showing a picture which
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